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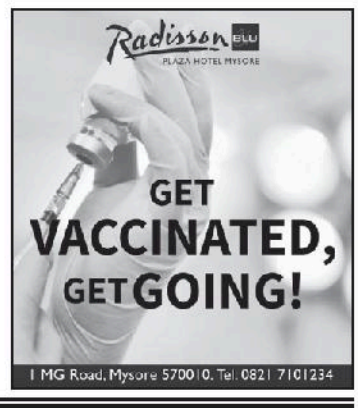


Solar powered con

- City doctors, industrialists enticed to invest in fraudulent solar scheme
- Good returns promised for 25 years; network operated through agents

Mysuru, June 24 (RK&BCT)- An elaborate and a well-organised network of fraudsters is operating in Mysuru that has duped many people including doctors, industrialists and entrepreneurs by promising good returns if they invest in Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) Phase III that is meant to install Grid-connected Solar Power Plants. The scam runs up to several crores of rupees and the conned persons have now approached the Police.

The fraudster network contacts the rich and the influential asking them to sign Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) and collects crores of rupees as an investment opportunity in such solar power projects and they are told that the projects belong to Central Government Departments like the NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation) Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited.

Not to evoke any suspicion and also to instil trust, the fraudsters did not take cash but asked the gullible investor to issue cheques or DD in the name of the Government Department itself. But the creative fraudsters had registered companies with names that sounded very similar to Central Government Departments and the investors while writing the cheque did not realise that they were issuing cheques and DDs in favour of companies that only sounded like Government Departments but were not.

Investors were made to believe that they will get a return of Rs. 9 per unit from NTPC and assured them that they would handle the whole project on a turnkey basis. They also convinced the investors that this solar farm would be set up on a 25-acre land to be leased for 25 years at Chikkalli village, Challakere taluk in Chitradurga district.

While entering into the MoU, the parties were promised that Mega Solar Energy Plant will be installed at Challakere taluk along with other companies and the solar project would be registered in their respective names.

Once the MoU was finalised, the conmen promised the parties that they would install, operate and maintain the solar project and produce electricity to sell the same to NTPC. The assured returns of Rs. 9 per unit would be credited directly to the bank accounts. The parties were told that it would take Rs. 3 to produce a unit of electricity from the Solar Plant and the same would be sold to NTPC — under National Solar Mission — at a higher margin and profits.

Fake documents: According to complainants, fake documents were produced to establish that the 25-acre land had already been acquired and only the Solar Plant works had to be taken up for which the investment was required. The conmen then assured the parties that uninterrupted money would flow to the bank accounts for 25 years.

(See SOLAR on page 7)

Petition received; we will probe, says DCP

Mysuru, June 24 (RK&BCT)- Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Geetha Prasanna told *Star of Mysore* this morning that a doctor in city has given a petition that states that he has been cheated of Rs. 2.50 crore by a solar company, assuring good returns in the Solar Power Plant under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission.

"Yesterday we have received the petition and we will begin investigating from today. We will summon both the parties to enquire the veracity of the petition. We will not register a case in the event of the parties reaching a compromise settlement. But if indeed the cheating has happened, we will book an FIR," Geetha Prasanna said.

"The jurisdiction of the case is Alanahalli and the cheques and DDs have been issued from various banks in Nazarbad limits and even Bengaluru. We will have to take these factors into consideration while booking a case," she said.

Dedicated Wards to be established

at District Hospital to treat Delta variants

Mysuru, June 24 (MTY&BCT)- After vehement denials by the District Administration and the District Health Officer (DHO) about the presence of the Delta Plus variant of COVID-19 in Mysuru, it has now come to light that in fact Mysuru is the first district in Karnataka that has reported the deadly variant. Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar himself revealed in Bengaluru yesterday about the B.1.617.2.1 variant being found in Mysuru.

Dr. Prasad

What is alarming is that today, three more Delta variants have been detected in Mysuru and the same has been confirmed by National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, where the samples had been sent. Though these are plain Delta variants and not the Delta Plus variant, the detection of three more cases has caused concern among public.

Delta Plus or B.1.617.2.1 is mutated form of Delta variant that triggered a sharp surge in COVID cases during the second wave in India. Delta Plus is seen as a possible threat as it could drive the third wave of COVID.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad said that the sample of Delta Plus variant was collected on May 28 and is of a youth. He had got infected and had got cured a month ago. But the report of genome sequencing was received recently, he said.

"The latest three cases that have been detected are plain Delta variants and all are out of danger now. We will discuss with the Deputy Commissioner and District Minister and take measures to establish dedicated Wards at District Hospital to treat patients hit by Delta and Delta Plus variants," he explained.

"All the infected patients between 25 and 30 years have been cured of the virus now and we are monitoring their health on a day-to-day basis. While two patients were treated in home isolation, the other was successfully treated at a COVID Care Centre. The first Delta Plus patient too is out of danger. We have taken action to track and identify the contacts of all the patients," he said.

Every day, over 10 samples are being sent to NIMHANS and test results of some are awaited, he said and added that there is no need for panic. "Among the three new Delta cases, we have observed that the patients have no travel history and were asymptomatic," he said.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 24th June 2021

Financial assistance for film and television artistes

Mysuru, June 24- The Department of Information and Public Relations has invited applications from film and television artistes to provide financial assistance of Rs. 3,000 through the Seva Sindhu portal. The State Government earlier had announced a special relief package for film and television artistes distressed by the second wave ofthe COVID-19 pandemic.

Information and Public Relations Department Commissioner Dr. P.S. Harsha stated that Rs. 6.60 crore has been reserved for this special relief package, which would provide financial assistance to 22,000 registered employees of film and television industry.

The relief money will be directly transferred to their bank accounts. Application forms can be downloaded from the Seva Sindhu portal *www.sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in* till July 9. For further details, one can visit the portal or contact **helpline number 89046-45529** or e-mail: *dpmfilm1@gmail.com*, according a release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

HELLO CLICKBAIT: ***These days on some news websites you get this sort of interrogative headline: 'This person should open for India, most unexpected choice, says Kapil Dev.' The other day I read, 'He will beat Carlos Slim as the richest man and he is Indian.'***

I am told this sort of writing is known as clickbait. This non-disclosure method is supposed to intrigue you so much that you rush to the main story to satisfy your presumably burning curiosity. That way the site gets hits. This is exactly the opposite of what we were taught. Get to the point, this is not a quiz contest, give the reader the news head on. Imagine those crusty chief sub-editors of the past reading a headline by some Wi-Fi whizzkid that said, 'This person is Priyanka Chopra's classmate and she is spilling the beans.' News editors would weep copiously, chief reporters would shoot themselves, the editor would wonder aloud why he didn't take up farming instead. Guess it works if you are intrigued enough to be the fish going for the bait (and you know what happened to that fish) but imagine if we all clickbaited each other.

Like at home, teenage daughter saying, 'You want to know who I am meeting tonight, hint, hint it will drive you crazy, dad.'

Reckless son saying, 'You won't believe what happened to the car I borrowed, you will laugh when I tell you.'

Husband coming home from hard day at office, wife says so how was the day and he says, 'You will never believe who has been promoted over me, it will blow your socks off.'

'I don't wear socks, so my beloved, no promotion, no money, have you any idea who all are doing better than us, even the Dewans are buying new curtains.'

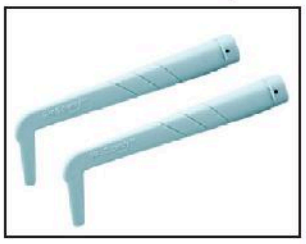
At office, the Secretary comes in, tells you there is someone on the phone. Who? 'Well sir, it is someone you have met, someone you did not like very much, he is about fiftyish, talks too much and it isn't Mr. Mundul, three guesses.'

It has now gone so bad that this is the bait that got me going. 'Horror story: 95 children trapped in cars.' I fell for it. Clicked. That is the number of children left locked in cars while Mum and Dad went shopping since 2015. Six years. In our time the desk chief would have thrown a spike at you for practising deception. But Priyanka Chopra's classmate hmmmmm ... click.

— Bikram Vohra in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Plastic straw that can instantly cure hiccups



London: Scientists have created a cure for hiccups that doesn't involve people ridiculously screaming "boo!" or holding your nose while chugging water. Described as a "forced inspiratory suction and swallow tool", HiccAway is essentially a special type of plastic straw scientifically designed to almost instantly cure hiccups. According to a new study, the L-shaped tool works in 92% of cases.

Dr. Ali Seifi, a neurointensivist from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, came up with the design for the HiccAway after seeing his son's McFlurry ice cream spoon.To prove that his devices isn't just a gimmick, Seifi is planning a gold standard randomized controlled trial with hiccup experts in Switzerland and Japan. He plans to test HiccAway tools against plastic decoys, by giving them both to hiccup sufferers.

Company erects 10-storey building within 29 hours

Beijing: China's Broad Group recently showcased its innovative Living Building, a new type of modular building system, by erecting a 10-storey apartment building in Changsha City in just 28 hours and 45 minutes.

The Chinese company's recent feat of erecting a 10-floor building in just over a day was meant to emphasize just how disruptive its new system can be.

Technically, the building was just assembled on a site in Changsha, by three cranes and a large workforce, as all the components were built in a local Broad Group factory and transported by truck. But that's one of the features of the Living Building system, it consists of pre-made container-size modules that only need to be bolted together at the "build" site and have their electricity and plumbing connected.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Suffering from anaemia?

Reduce the chances of anaemia by using drum stick leaves at home. It also helps in blood purification, fights against common cold and flu and reduces the symptoms of diabetes. Include it in your daily diet in the form of soup or smoothie along with other vegetables.

By Syeda Shifain Fathima - Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

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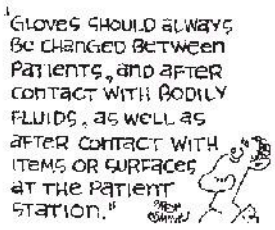

GLOVES SHOULD ALWAYS BE CHANGED BETWEEN PATIENTS, AND AFTER CONTACT WITH BODILY FLUIDS, AS WELL AS AFTER CONTACT WITH ITEMS OR SURFACES AT THE PATIENT STATION.

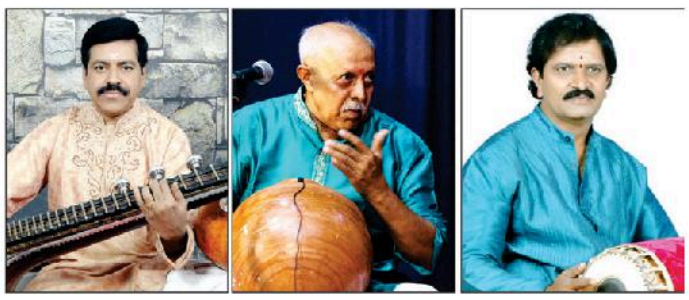
It is advisable to wash hands after removing surgical gloves because microbes are small enough to pass through latex.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 22	JUNE 23
Day's Positive Cases	486	499
Total Positive Cases	1,63,115	1,63,614
Day's Discharges	1,245	438
Total Discharges	1,54,947	1,55,385
Day's Deaths	11	18
Total Deaths	2,046	2,064
Total Active Cases	6,122	6,165

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Ganabharathi's Online Veena Concert



Vid. Padmanabha *Vid. Ramesh* *Vid. Sridhar*

Mysuru, June 24- Ganabharathi has organised an online Veena Concert by Vid. R.K. Padmanabha on June 25 at 6 pm. He will be accompanied by Vid. P.S. Sridhar on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on ghata.

The concert is available on Ganabharathi Facebook Page [https://www.facebook.com/ganabharati/] and Ganabharathi YouTube channel [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC60LEZ7Y7DnmMlOyCajWp9g].

REALLY...?

- ***The first narrative film is under 12 minutes long: Though it was not the first film ever made, the 1903 film "The Great Train Robbery" was the first film that told a story and is considered the first narrative fiction film. Under 12 minutes long, it was produced by Thomas Edison's Edison Studios. The film shoot took place in New Jersey.***

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TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.23
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.61
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.21
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.56

VOICE OF THE READER

Do not implement NEP-2020 in a hurry

Sir,

This is with reference to the news item ***"Curriculum Expert Committees for UG & PG formed to implement NEP from Current Academic year"*** (*SOM* dated June 20, Page-3).

As a concerned academic, I would like to inform about some missing facts in this regard.

The National Educational Policy (NEP-2020), which Universities and Colleges have to implement, was approved by the Central Government one year back, in June 2020. Since then, no preparatory work has been done by the Higher Education Department for its implementation. Even printed copies of the NEP-2020 is not available to the public till now! It's available only online. Chairman of NEP Draft Committee Dr. Kasturirangan is misled to believe that Karnataka has taken speedy action.

The way Expert Committees have been constituted and a deadline of June 30 set for submission of proposal, is clear indication of the unprofessional manner of working by the Higher Education Council. There is total disregard for the principles of curriculum planning, design and implementation.

The Expert Committees, by definition, are expected to be independent and competent. How can Expert Committees packed with VCs and Registrars be independent? Many experienced teachers and 'real experts' from outside the system have been left out.

Any new curriculum plan needs to be vetted through a process involving peers, students, parents, corporates and other prospective employers and the Government and it is a time-consuming process but inevitable.

Therefore, it's desirable that the Government follows due process in implementing NEP-2020.

—Prof. B. Shivaraj (Retd.)
Mysuru
22.6.2021

Mysuru Travels Association holds vaccination drive for drivers

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar *(second from left)* ***launched the vaccination drive organised by Mysuru Travels Association for drivers and their families at the Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri campus yesterday. Others seen are*** *(from left)* ***Mohan Kumar, Hon. President C.A. Jayakumar and President Shivalingappa.***

Mysuru, June 24 (RKB&KS)- Mysuru Travels Association (MTA) yesterday held a vaccination drive to inoculate drivers and their family members, who had registered their names.

The day-long drive was launched by University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar at the Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri campus.

Speaking after launching the drive, the Vice-Chancellor, who remembered his father who owned a bus and ran a travel agency, said that drivers play a crucial role as they are the ones, who ferry passengers to their destinations safely and added that as the drivers too come in contact of public, they should have been vaccinated much earlier.

MTA President Shivalingappa, Hon. Presidents B.S. Prashanth and C.A. Jayakumar, Vice-President David Raj, Secretary A.C. Ravi, Mohan Kumar and others were present.

Ex-Infosys CEO

to head Task Force to help Govt. in bringing bureaucratic reforms

New Delhi, June 24 (Agencies)- Former Infosys CEO S.D. Shibu Lal was yesterday appointed Chairperson of a three-member Task Force formed to help the Government in bringing major bureaucratic reforms through its ambitious "Mission Karmayogi."

Shibu Lal

Besides Lal, who is Founder of ShikshaLokam and Founder and ex-CEO of Infosys Limited, Govind Iyer, Consultant at global management consulting group Egon Zehnder and Pankaj Bansal, Co-founder and Group CEO of HR tech company PeopleStrong, will be part of the Task Force, according to a Personnel Ministry order.

Adil Zainulbhai, Chairman-designate, Capacity Building Commission, Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), will be a special invitee to the discussions of the Task Force.

The Centre has recently approved the 'National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building - Mission Karmayogi' to effect a transformational shift from rule-based training to role-based capacity development of all civil services in the country so as to enhance citizen experience for Government services and improve availability of competent work force.

To effectively roll out this competency-driven mission, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), namely Karmayogi Bharat, would be set up as a not-for-profit company under Section 8 of Companies Act, 2013 as a 100% Government-owned entity.

SPV will be responsible to deliver and manage design, implement, enhance and manage a digital platform and infrastructure, manage and deliver competency assessment services and manage governance of telemetry data and ensure provision of monitoring and evaluation.

It has been decided to constitute a Task Force comprising leading experts to draw a clear road map for guidance and operationalisation of 'Karmayogi Bharat', the SPV, the order said.

The Task Force will be free to constitute working groups, co-opt additional members/special invitees, consult national and international leaders in the field. The Task Force is expected to complete its work within a period of six months from the date of its constitution and submit its recommendations in the form of periodic/ interim reports in respect of various terms assigned to it, the Personnel Ministry order said.

Vaccination for degree, medical, engineering students & teachers soon

Mysuru, June 24 (RKB&SSV)- As many as 29,195 persons have received the jab on the third day of the mega COVID Vaccination Drive in the district yesterday.

People stood in serpentine queues at various vaccination sites in both city and taluks to receive the vaccine in the drive launched jointly by District Administration, District Health and Family Welfare and Mysuru City Corporation. Over 170 vaccination sites have been created both in city and taluks to inoculate people above 18 years.

A few persons faced difficulty in getting vaccination due to technical glitches in uploading details of Aadhaar in CoWIN portal. Some were asked to come the next day following delay in registration. A family of five persons received vaccination at Indiranagar Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) and shared their happiness with *SOM.* A big queue was seen in front of Chamaraja Double Road UPHC. Some returned home due to end of the day's quota at a vaccination booth. In total, vaccination has been going on at a brisk pace at Karnataka Public School, Balodyana, JSS School, JSS Public School and at other places.

Special vaccination drive

Meanwhile, Dr. Arundati, Director, National Health Mission, has said a special vaccination drive will be held for students, teaching and supporting staff of all class 12-plus colleges, degree, diploma and IIT in the wake of the State Government's intentions of starting the degree colleges soon.

A meeting, held under the Chairmanship of CM B.S. Yediyurappa recently, has decided to open the degree colleges.

Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan has said vaccination of students of medical, engineering and other higher education courses will begin in the first or the second week of July. It has been decided to open degree colleges from the first week of August and before that all students and teaching staff will be vaccinated.

NEWS BRIEFS

Admission open at Blind School

Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens has invited applications from visually impaired boys for admission to first to tenth standard at Government School for the Blind, Tilaknagar in city, for the year 2021-22. Apart from academics, children aged between 6 and 10 years will be trained in Daily Living Skills (DLS), Yoga, Meditation, Physical Education, Music, Dance, Drama, Movement Training, Computer Training, Smart Class and Spoken English. Also, food, accommodation, Braille books, school uniform, learning equipment, medical check-up, hot water for bathing (solar water heater) and other facilities will be provided free of cost. Interested parents/ guardians of the students may visit the School in person and get their children admitted. Documents to be carried include Unique Disability (UD) ID Card, Birth Certificate, Caste Certificate, Passport Size Photograph and Aadhaar Card. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2497496 or Mob: 94814-41453, according to a release.

Co-op. Department Phone-in prog.

Co-operation Department has organised a phone-in programme at its office on June 25 between 10 am and 11 am in the presence of Co-operative Societies Dy. Registrar. Public can call Ph: 0821-2521956 and air their grievances related to the Co-op. Department, according to a press release from the Department Dy. Registrar.

Karnataka Zoos receive Rs. 3.12 cr. through animal adoptions

Belagavi, Gadag and Hampi Zoos reopen today

Mysuru, June 24 (KS)- The nine Zoos in Karnataka, which were reeling under severe financial crisis following COVID-induced lockdown, can now breathe a sigh of relief as Rs. 3.12 crore have come through animal adoptions and donations.

Addressing a press meet at Mysuru Zoo premises yesterday, Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy said that from July 29, 2020 till June 21, 2021, Rs. 1,94,09,700 has come in the form of animal adoptions and donations through ZAK App, while Rs. 97,99,186 has come through direct adoptions. Rs. 20,60,544 has come through donations through ZAK App from June 20, 2021. In all, a total of Rs. 3,12,69,430 has been received through animal adoptions and donations.

Mahadevaswamy said that actor Darshan will felicitate and give away certificates to select 50 donors and the date and time of the event would be decided soon.

Mahadevaswamy said that after unlock measures were announced, Belagavi, Gadag and Hampi Zoos will reopen from June 24 (Thursday) and as a precautionary measure, Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) has been made compulsory for visitors and tourists at these Zoos.

ZAK Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy addressing a press meet at Mysuru Zoo yesterday as ZAK Member Jyothi Rechanna looks on.

Pointing out that Mysuru Zoo and Bannerghatta Biological Park would be opened after lockdown comes to an end, Mahadevaswamy said that RAT will be made compulsory to visitors and only then they would be allowed to enter the Zoos besides stating that an appeal in this regard has been made to the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner.

Precautionary measures

Stating that no animal in any Zoo in the State is infected with COVID, Mahadevaswamy said that necessary precautions such as screening of body temperature for Zoo staff, facility of sanitisation and disinfectant wet mat has been made and staff have been instructed to wear face mask and hand gloves before entering any animal enclosure.

Zoo Authority of Karnataka Member Jyothi Rechanna was present during the press meet.

Overwhelming response for City Zoo

Mysuru, June 24- The following individuals/ institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying adoption fee:

R. Parag, Mysuru - Great Indian Hornbill and Barasingha or Swamp Deer (Rs. 12,500) and R. Parash, Mysuru - Himalayan Goral (Rs. 6,000); Raghavi Rangaswamy Gowda, Goa - Asiatic Black Bear (Rs. 35,000), Ranjan R. Gowda, Goa - Flamingo (Rs. 20,000), Sujatha Rangaswamy, Goa - African Hunting Cheetah (Rs. 50,000); A.P. Krishna Murthy, DQAS (retd.), Mysuru - Hoolock Gibbon (Rs. 10,000), C.J. Akarsh, Mysuru - African Hunting Cheetah (Rs. 50,000), B.V. Mahesh, Mysuru - Common Ostrich (Rs. 10,000), S.K. Samarth, Mysuru - Common Rat Snake (Rs. 1,000), C.N. Mahesh, Mysuru - White Peacock (Rs. 3,500), Prakash Jayaram, Bengaluru - Indian Leopard (Rs. 35,000), C.N. Namith, Mysuru - Common Ostrich (Rs. 10,000), M.N. Dattatreya, Mysuru - Zebra (Rs. 50,000), G. Isha, daughter of H.G. Srikant, Mysuru - Indian Pond Heron (Rs. 2,000), Vinay Kenchappa, Mysuru - Black Panther (Rs. 35,000); Sri Benaka Enterprises, Mysuru - Black Panther (Rs. 35,000), S. Vinay Kumar, Mysuru - Silver Pheasant (Rs. 3,500); K. Sethumadhava, Mysuru - Himalayan Goral (Rs. 5,000); Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Timber Depot and Sawmill, Mandya - Love Bird-5 (Rs. 5,000); Deadly Today Brothers, Mysuru - Cockatiel (Rs. 1,500); Donald F. Nirmanik, Mysuru - Love Bird-5 (Rs. 5,000); Vedanth Srinidhi, Bengaluru - African Hunting Cheetah (Rs. 50,000); Lasya Srinidhi, Bengaluru - Ring-tailed Lemur (Rs. 5,000); Yashwaryth Raj, Bengaluru - Mandarin Duck (Rs. 2,000), according to a press release from the Zoo.

Lockdown violation

1,253 vehicles seized in four days

Mysuru, June 24- Continuing their drive against COVID lockdown offenders, Mysuru City Police, have seized a total of 1,253 vehicles, which were found flouting the guidelines, during their checking drives from June 20 to 23.

While 225 vehicles including 196 two-wheelers, 20 cars and nine autorickshaws were seized on June 20, a total of 172 vehicles including 139 two-wheelers, 21 cars and 12 autorickshaws were seized on June 21.

A total of 437 vehicles including 390 two-wheelers, 36 cars and 11 autorickshaws were seized on June 22 while 419 vehicles including 370 two-wheelers, 47 cars and two autorickshaws were seized on June 23.

Cancer survivors demand ban on tobacco sales

Bengaluru, June 24 (SSV)- To fight Corona's third wave and future waves, Cancer survivors from Bengaluru have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and State Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar seeking amendment to Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) - 2003, impose/ implement ban on tobacco sales, smoking and spitting in public places.

In their letter dated June 22, they have pointed out that as per World Health Organisation (WHO), smokers were at high risk of developing severe complications when confronted with Coronavirus and demanded a ban on all public smoking areas and enforce the spitting ban. "Corona's second wave has wreaked havoc across the nation. Experts have predicted a third wave and future waves to hit India. Smokers are at greater risk for hospital admission, need for ventilators, ICUs and even death due to COVID-19. Chewing tobacco products increases saliva production and when the user spits it out, he/ she spreads germs and viruses. People who are nearby can inhale it or touch the contaminated surface, get infected and fuel COVID-19 spread," said Nalini Satyanarayana, a cancer survivor and health activist.

Renowned Oncologist Dr. Vishal Rao, who is also the member of Karnataka's High Power Committee on Tobacco Control, said: "Current provisions of COTPA allows the setting up of Designated Smoking Areas (DSA) at restaurants, pubs, bars and airports. But it should be noted that COVID appropriate behaviour like wearing masks and social distancing cannot be followed in DSAs. As the droplets can survive in closed chambers like DSAs they can be super-spreaders of COVID 19."

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	95.40	feet
Yesterday	:	95.00	feet
Inflow	:	4,965	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,618	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,275.82	feet
Inflow	:	2,744	cusecs
Outflow	:	3,250	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,838.93	feet
Inflow	:	723	cusecs
Outflow	:	80	cusecs

Healthcare Workers brave Wildlife to save Tribals from the Virus

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, June 24- A team comprising three Health Volunteers, four ASHA Workers and one Anganwadi Worker is on a mission to save people from the dreaded COVID-19 by trekking several kilometres covering 11 *haadis* (tribal hamlets) and 13 villages on the forest border in Nagarahole National Park.

Eleven *haadis* and 13 villages are situated in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve in Antharasanthe hobli of H.D. Kote taluk in Mysuru district. The Kerala border is just at a stone's throw distance. Most of these people depend on Kerala for their routine requirements.

Steps taken by Health Department have reduced the fear of Coronavirus in villages. While 2,151 persons stay in *haadis*, 5,619 people are in 13 villages. A Primary Health Centre (PHC) at D.B. Kuppe is managed by Medical Officer **Dr. Arinjay R. Kattimani,** under whom there are three Health Volunteers — **Sowmya, Kempammanni** and **Mamatha.** Besides, four ASHA and 14 Anganwadi Workers are serving people in hamlets and villages. The forest is infested with wild elephants, tigers and leopards which move in National Park as well as in Kabini Backwaters. In this treacherous terrain, these Health Volunteers, along with ASHA Workers — **Manjula, Savitri, Susheela** and **Lakshmi** — and Anganwadi Worker **Haseena,** go around 11 tribal hamlets to take care of tribals' health. The team is divided into two groups to cover both villages and hamlets as much as possible.

Sowmya

Kempammanni

Mamatha

Hasina

Manjula

Savitri

Susheela

Lakshmi

Boating stopped

River Kabini divides Karnataka and Kerala. Villagers depend on the boat service for crossing the borders. Now, boating has been stopped to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. Drivers of vehicles that ply on Mysuru-Manandavadi Main Road are strictly instructed not to stop vehicles near *haadis* or villages and also not to spit on road. The house-to-house health survey by these Health Workers helped in containing the spread of pandemic there. Only 15 out of the total 7,770 people had tested Positive and they fully recovered after treatment at COVID Care Centres. "Sometimes we feel scared going inside the forest to reach the *haadis* as the route is frequented by wild animals. However, we take drop in goods vehicles while going to villages situated near the main road," ASHA Workers told *Star of Mysore*.

The Health Workers screening and enquiring about the health condition of the haadi people during the house-to-house health survey.

Migrant workers' return

to Kodagu triggers infection fear

Kushalnagar, June 24 (Akshay&BCT)- Kodagu's positivity rate is showing a downward trend in the last two days. But what is alarming is the spectre of infections travelling undetected from borders as there is a huge influx of migrant workers who are sneaking into the district without being screened. This has sparked concerns about a surge in cases as there is no arrangement to test the returnees at the borders.

Hundreds of them are coming to work in coffee estates in this hilly district from Assam and Bihar and even Bangladesh (with valid Indian ID proof), causing major concerns of infections being spread. On an average, over 10 to 12 vehicles, each carrying 14 to 17 workers (including families) enter the district daily, mainly from Koppa Check-Post in Mysuru District.

While there is some casual checking of COVID-negative reports at Koppa Check-Post, there is no checking whatsoever at the Kushalnagar Check-Post from where the workers are taken to various interior coffee estates. These workers come from Assam and Bihar in trains to Bengaluru and come to Kodagu in the passenger vehicles arranged by their agents.

No basic entries too

Officials manning the Check-Posts don't even make the basic entries and are not checking the COVID-negative reports. All vehicles are allowed free entry. At the Koppa Check-Post, however, some vehicles (tempo travellers) are checked but workers are allowed entry subsequently.

As there is free inter-district, inter-State and intra-district movement now, the risk factor is high as they could be virus carriers. While officials from the Police and Revenue Departments are present in the Check-Posts, both are not taking up the job of screening migrants. The migrant workers easily get permission from Mysuru Check-Post to enter Kodagu.

Coffee production has always been dependant on outsiders. Every year, more than 10,000 people from Assam and other States are employed in many estates as since many years, the district has been dependant on workers from North-Eastern States and from Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and also Madhya Pradesh.

A view of Koppa Check-Post on the Kodagu-Mysuru border yesterday morning where vehicles are checked before entry into Kodagu. Only vehicle documents are checked here and travellers are not screened.

They first came to Kodagu and gradually spread to Hassan and Chikmagalur districts, earning daily wages. The estate owners hire them through agents and the workers come here because they don't get enough work at home. Here both men and women are paid daily and that is the reason why they bring their families too.

Agent-to-agent network

Many planters have built colonies for the workers in their estates and rooms are allotted to families. They make partitions within and set up their tiny kitchens within the available space. Brought to Kodagu by agents as per the requirement mentioned by estate owners and managers, the agents never come into picture.

Once the number of labourers is conveyed to the local agents, they contact the agents in Assam and Bihar who book train tickets for the workers to travel. Everything is done professionally including train tickets, travel to Bengaluru and pick-up from there to Satellite Bus Stand in passenger vehicles on Mysuru Road. Tempo Travellers are hired to ship them to Kodagu and even the vehicle rent is paid online and nowhere the agent comes into limelight.

DHO, Police react

Reacting on the issue to *Star of Mysore*, Kodagu District Health Officer Dr. Mohan said that as there are no travel restrictions now, they have no powers to check vehicles. "It is no secret that thousands of migrants work in Kodagu estates. It is also well-known that many of these labourers are returning and we do not have the powers to check them," he said.

Admitting that migrant influx carries the risk of infection, Dr. Mohan said that he would bring the issue to the notice of Deputy Commissioner Charulata Somal so that some checking can be done to ensure the safety of Kodagu residents at a time when the positivity is on the declining trend.

Kushalnagar Circler Inspector of Police Mahesh said that he was not aware of the migrant influx. "We have CCTV cameras at Check-Posts and steps will be taken immediately to screen all vehicles that are carrying migrants from other States. We will not prevent vehicles of the district and inconvenience locals but we will check passenger vehicles coming from Bengaluru and Mysuru," he said.

Migrants inside vehicles and those standing outside wait for the drivers to return from the Check-Post after showing documents.

Swimming Pool at DC Bungalow

Approval by Nirmithi Kendra ignored, says IAS Officer Rohini Sindhuri

'Zeal shown to probe pool must also be shown to unearth land encroachment'

Rohini Sinduri

Mysuru, June 24 (BCT)- IAS Officer Rohini Sindhuri, who is now the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Bengaluru, has defended the construction of indoor swimming pool at the Mysuru DC's Bungalow premises and said that construction of the pool was a pilot project under Nirmithi Kendra out of the Kendra's own funds.

"Nirmithi Kendras build projects with the use of locally available materials by adopting low-cost, effective technology. They execute pilot projects to prove the efficacy of the technology before implementing it as a general programme. As per this mandate, swimming pools were planned at the district and taluk levels about five years ago and were assigned to Nirmithi Kendra. Approvals have been taken from Nirmithi Kendra's Executive Committee," she told *Star of Mysore.*

The idea was to prove the efficiency of locally available resources by adopting cost-effective technology and then extend to all taluks. The same has been done in conformity with the prescribed procedure by Nirmithi Kendra with due administrative approval in the annual general body meeting, she said.

"The allegations made in this regard have no basis and this is the reason why the Regional Commissioner's (RC) investigative report has cited only technical issues and with the RC's report an attempt is being made to project that the pool construction has no approval. The fact that the pool has been approved by Nirmithi Kendra's Executive Committee has been ignored," she clarified.

The construction of the pool has not been taken up during COVID pandemic and the works were taken up on 30.12.2020 as mentioned in the RC's report, she said. "There was no COVID and second wave then. The question of misusing COVID funds does not arise here and the in-detail probe report mentions only technical aspects of the pool construction," she added.

"I welcome the enthusiasm shown to investigate the pool construction. The same enthusiasm and scale must be shown to unearth the land dealings and encroachments made by certain influential politicians in Mysuru. These dealings must also be probed in a comprehensive and a detailed manner," Rohini Sindhuri has said.

Expressing displeasure over the way land encroachments are being investigated, she said, "When I was the Mysuru DC, I had clearly mentioned in my reports about several blatant encroachments and land irregularities in Mysuru by certain set of individuals and had ordered investigations. But only one aspect of the encroachment has been taken up and the investigation was limited to that particular land. Let a detailed and comprehensive investigation be taken up."

'Moral turpitude':

IPS Officer Roopa tweets

Roopa

Mysuru, June 24 (BCT)-A day after Mysuru Regional Commissioner (RC) Dr. G.C. Prakash submitting a re-port that the swimming pool that has been constructed at the official residence of Mysuru Deputy Commissioner during the tenure of DC Rohini Sindhuri was of no public interest, IPS Officer D. Roopa has termed construction of a pool at a time when the country is facing a health crisis, as "moral turpitude."

"Basically, when a country is going through crisis of health and finance, she could have stopped the work. Going ahead with swimming pool work shows moral turpitude," Roopa, Managing Director, Karnataka Handicrafts Corporation, tweeted. "Permission not sought for the construction is secondary issue but the construction could have been postponed," Roopa tweeted.

Dr. Prakash's report on the pool construction was leaked to media on June 22 where he had stated that the swimming pool and the gymnasium built inside 'Jala Sannidhi' does not have any public interest and has neither been approved by the Heritage Committee nor the Public Works Department.

'District Administration hiding COVID deaths'

Mysuru, June 24 (RKB &SSV)- KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana has claimed that the District Administration was trying to manipulate COVID deaths in the district to 'mislead' people and prompt the State Government to continue strict lockdown for some more weeks.

Addressing a press meet at Congress Office near City Railway Station this morning, Lakshmana said that from the beginning, the District Administration and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), at the instance of District Minister S.T. Somashekar, was hiding COVID deaths.

According to documents in his possession, there was not a single death on June 16, but the district authorities showed 28 deaths. On June 17 too there was zero death, but they have shown 26 deaths. One death took place on June 18, but 15 deaths were shown according to Government bulletin. Similarly, there was one death on June 19, but they have shown 17 deaths. On June 21, six persons had succumbed to Coronavirus, but the Government bulletin showed 33 deaths. The deaths occurred during the months of March, April and May, were shown as daily deaths, he claimed.

"I appeal the current DC, Dr. Bagadi Gautham not to commit the mistake committed by his predecessor. You stick to rules and release death data without concealing facts," he said.

The District Administration has reduced RT-PCR test to show low mortality rate. By doing this, the BJP leaders want the Government to extend lockdown further.

Lakshmana claimed that **according to Civil Registration Society, Department of Statistics, report, as many as 1,67,788 persons have died of COVID from April, 2020 to May, 2021 in the State, but the Government has put up the number of deaths to 29,090.**

Former BBMP Corporator hacked to death

Rekha Kadiresh

Bengaluru, June 24 (UNI) - Ex-BJP Corporator of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Rekha Kadiresh was hacked to death by miscreants outside her residence in Cottonpete here today.

According to Police sources, the incident occurred in the morning when some unknown miscreants had fatally assaulted the former Corporator with sharp weapons and had fled from the scene, leaving behind the victim in a pool of blood. She breathed her last at a private hospital, where she had been shifted by the locals immediately after the incident.

Incidentally, the deceased husband Kadiresh also had been killed by some miscreants in 2018, and the old feud between the miscreants and the victims are said to be the main cause behind the ghastly act, the sources said. The Police, after registering a case into the incident, had formed a special team to bring the culprits to books, the sources added.

Solar powered con

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After the DD or cheque was issued, fake documents, photo-copies of agreement letters with the NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited were given to the rich and the influential so that there was no doubt about entering into a deal with the Centre. Assurance was given to the parties that the more the investment, more the returns.

Money taken in stages

Documents — from Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (Grid Solar Power Division), Government of India — along with provisional sanction letter were placed before the parties relating to the establishment of 10 MW Grid-connected SPV (Special Purpose Vehicles) Power Plant at Chitradurga.

Documents and Police complaint copies in possession with *Star of Mysore* reveal that a minimum of Rs. 2.50 crore was taken from the parties in different stages after producing documents to establish permission, acceptance, NoC, sanctioning fees, etc.

Payments through cheques and DDs were collected at several intervals in the name of securing approvals from the NTPC and the money was collected in the form of a loan of Rs. 2.5 crore which would be repaid within a stipulated period along with the guaranteed addition to this (loan) amount. Parties were told that the expenses towards the project would be recovered along with the actual maintenance charges every month for 25 years.

As the fraudsters had already opened several bank accounts in the name of shell companies that sounded similar to Central Government Departments, the parties making payments did not suspect any wrong-doing and issued cheques and DDs.

For instance, payments were made to 'Solar Energy Corporation' (SEC) that is a shell company instead of the actual Central Government Department that is Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECIL).

Like this, cheques and DDs were drawn in favour of 'MNRE' while the original Government Department is 'Ministry of New and Renewable Energy'. If the payment is actually made to Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, the name should have been written in full instead of abbreviation 'MNRE'.

Agent network

The fraudsters reportedly operated through agents and the agents were promised a 30 percent commission of the total investment made by their client. Before entering into MoUs, the parties were told that it would take months to establish the solar plant and there would be no question of immediate returns. Believing this, the investors did not ask many questions and remained patient and went on issuing cheques and DDs from time to time.

Scammed

The investors realised that there was something amiss when the work of the solar farm, which was supposed to have begun a while back, had not started. On further investigation they realised that no work had started at all and there was no information about the location. Apart from this, the investors also realised that the 'provisional sanction letter' that they were shown saying that was issued by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy was fake so also the 'power purchase agreement'. Soon they also learnt that the accounts that they had sent money to were not real Government Departments but accounts with similar sounding names.

In Mysuru, the conmen were operating through agents since the past one-and-a-half years. While one complainant has complained Rs. 2.5 crore as loss, sources say if other investors were considered, it is about Rs. 27 crore which has been collected between January and March 2020. Now some of the investors have approached the Police.

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service	
06518	Mangaluru	KSR Bengaluru	05.50	08.40	Fri, Sun & Tue	Fully reserved
07326	Mysuru	Belagavi	05.50	08.40	Daily	Unreserved
06558	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	Daily	Unreserved
06570	Mysuru	Bengaluru	07.00	09.30	Daily	Unreserved
06229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.20	09.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
02975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.40	12.55	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
02578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.40	13.20	Friday	Fully reserved
06201	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
06315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	16.35	Daily	Fully reserved
07307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.30	16.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.45	17.00	Daily	Unreserved
06568	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	14.40	17.10	Daily	Unreserved
02786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06535	Mysuru	Solapur	15.45	18.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.30	18.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06219	Ch'nagara	Tirupati	16.55	20.20	Daily	Fully reserved
06236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	21.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06210	Mysuru	Ajmer	18.35	21.30	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
06582	Mysuru	Hubballi	19.00	21.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.30	22.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06560	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	21.30	00.15	Daily	Unreserved
08118	Mysuru	Howrah	23.45	02.05	Sunday	Fully reserved

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06559	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	00.45	04.30	Daily	Unreserved
06209	Ajmer	Mysuru	03.30	06.00	Tue & Sun	Fully reserved
06021	Chennai	Mysuru	03.55	06.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagara	04.30	07.00	Daily	Fully reserved
06228	Talguppa	Mysuru	04.30	07.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	05.55	08.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06581	Hubballi	Mysuru	06.20	09.20	Daily	Fully reserved
02785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.45	09.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	07.00	09.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06536	Solapur	Mysuru	07.50	11.00	Daily	Fully reserved
06316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.45	11.20	Daily	Fully reserved
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.20	12.45	Daily	Unreserved
06567	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	10.35	13.20	Daily	Unreserved
07308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	11.15	13.50	Daily	Fully reserved
02976	Jaipur	Mysuru	13.00	15.45	Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
06202	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
07325	Belagavi	Mysuru	17.45	20.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
06569	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.25	21.05	Daily	Unreserved
02577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	18.40	21.40	Thursday	Fully reserved
06557	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	22.10	Daily	Unreserved
06517	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	20.30	23.05	Wed, Fri & Sun	Fully reserved
06230	Varanasi	Mysuru	23.30	02.15	Mon & Sat	Fully reserved

LIST OF TRAIN TIMING TOWARDS DADAR, HUBBALLI, HASSAN, ARSIKERE, DAVANGERE, HAVERI AND BACK

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
06295	Mysuru	Talguppa	06.00	13.15	Daily	Fully reserved
01036	Mysuru	Dadar	06.15	05.30 next day	Sunday (Mysuru)	Fully reserved
06225	Mysuru	Arsikere	10.15	13.20	Daily	Unreserved
06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	18.20	22.25	Daily	Unreserved
07301	Mysuru	Dharwar	22.30	08.05	Daily	Fully reserved
07302	Dharwar	Mysuru	20.50	07.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	05.00	09.25	Daily	Unreserved
06226	Arsikere	Mysuru	13.25	16.50	Daily	Unreserved
01035	Dadar	Mysuru	21.30	21.40 next day	Thursday (Dadar)	Fully reserved
06296	Talguppa	Mysuru	15.00	22.15	Daily	Fully reserved

LIST OF TRAIN TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGARA AND BACK

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
06220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.20 (Mys)	09.10	Daily	Fully Reserved
06223	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	12.35	14.35	Daily	Unreserved
06219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	15.30	16.45	Daily	Fully Reserved
06234	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	17.00	18.40	Daily	Unreserved

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DECODING MYTHOLOGY

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On Bhagavata

People often confuse the *Bhagavata Purana* (commonly referred to as the *Bhagavata)* with the *Bhagavad Gita* (commonly referred to as the *Gita).*

* *Bhagavata* focuses on Bhagavan or God who engages with the world; it establishes Krishna as an *avatar* of Vishnu. *Mahabharata* focuses on the quarrels of the Bharatas, another name for the Kuru clan to which the Pandavas and Kauravas belong. God engages with the world as Krishna through the quarrels of the Bharatas.

* *Bhagavata* is a chronicle on the life of Krishna till he meets the Pandavas. *Mahabharata* is a chronicle of the life of Krishna after he meets the Pandavas.

* *Bhagavata* focuses on Krishna's life as a cowherd in a rural landscape. *Mahabharata* focuses on Krishna's life as a warrior and strategist in an urban landscape.

* *Bhagavata* focuses on emotions *(bhakti marga)* while *Mahabharata* focuses on reconciling action *(karma marga)* with ideas *(gyana marga). Gita,* which is part of the *Mahabharata,* brings the three *margas* together.

The same idea as the *Gita* is presented in a dramatically different way in the *Bhagavata* through the *raas-lila* of Krishna.

After describing the events of Krishna's childhood, how he kills demons sent to kill him, how he protects the village from natural calamities, how he takes the cows out to graze along with his friends, how he plays pranks on the milkmaids and steals their butter, the *Purana* proceeds into the realm of romance and eroticism. Every full moon night Krishna goes into the fragrant woods of tulsi shrubs, the Vrinda-vana, and plays the flute. Hearing his melodious music, women rush out, leaving behind their fathers, brothers, husbands and sons who are fast asleep, to dance around him in a circular formation. Thus the forest *(vana)* turns into a delightful space *(Madhu-vana).* This creation of the circle of delight *(rasa-mandala)* is the *raas-lila.* It would last as long as the women did not become possessive of Krishna. And while it lasted, every woman felt that Krishna danced with her exclusively.

The contrast between the battlefield of *Kuru-kshetra* and the dance in *Madhu-vana* is stark. War here, dance there. Men here, women there. Blood here, milk there. Rage here, romance there. Day here, night there. Public here, secret there. Field here, forest there. Imminent violence here, sexual tension there.

By overturning established notions of righteousness and appropriateness related to property in the *Mahabharata* and related to fidelity in the *Bhagavata,* Krishna draws attention to an underlying theme, the Vedic theme, of how the mind perceives information differently depending on the level of wisdom. Since there are infinite levels of wisdom, there are infinite ways of seeing the same thing. Only the expanded mind *(brah-mana)* can see infinity *(an-anta).*

Further, *Bhagavata* speaks of Krishna's mothers: Devaki, who gives birth to him and Yashoda, who raises him. It speaks of Krishna's lovers: Radha, who leaves behind in Gokul and Yamuna, who follows him to Dwarka. It speaks of Krishna's wives: Satyabhama, rich and demanding, and Rukmini, poor and docile. *Bhagavata* tells stories of the inner quarters and not royal courts; of the village, not the city; the pasture, not the battle-field.

Krishna, may be the great strategist, warrior and teacher, but he is also someone's son, someone's lover, someone's husband, even someone's brother and father, not always perfect and often quite exasperating. This makes *Bhagavata* a very feminine narrative where *Mahabharata* is a masculine one, bringing God from grand things outside the home to simple things inside.

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BJP to observe June 25 as 'Black Day'

Mysuru, June 24 (RKB&SSV)- The City BJP Unit will observe June 25 as 'Black Day' in protest against the imposition of Emergency on nation by the Congress Government headed by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1975.

Disclosing this at a news meet at the BJP Office here yesterday, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa said a video-conference will be held in all Assembly Constituencies of the city on June 25 to explain the holocaust during the days of Emergency. Through this, the BJP wants to explain anti-people and dictatorial attitude of late Indira Gandhi.

Various programmes from June 23 to July 26

Jan Sangh Founder Dr. Shyamprasad Mukherjee's death anniversary is on June 23 and birth anniversary is on July 6. Hence, various programmes have been planned at Booth level from June 23 to July 6. Programmes include seminar on Dr. Mukherjee, video-conference and 'Plastic-free Campaign' under 'Clean India, Healthy India' slogan of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Listening 'Mann Ki Baat' on June 27

Srivatsa said, with a view to popularise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat', a special *en masse* listening of this programme on All India Radio (AIR) has been organised on June 27. The programme will be held in Booth-level and also at several public places. In case the PM mentioned names of persons belonging to this region, such personalities will be felicitated in a special manner. All programmes will be held as per the COVID-19 guidelines issued by the State and the Union Governments.

BJP Spokesperson M. Mohan said, people suffered a lot during two years of emergency clamped by Indira Gandhi in 1975. Those who raised their voice against her were arrested and sent to jail. The rights of citizens were snatched during that time. Five persons were sent to jail for raising the slogan 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai ' at Chamundipuram Circle. People who went to jail during Emergency will be feted on June 27. Virtual meetings will be held to create awareness among people.

City BJP Vice-President T. Ramesh, General Secretaries H.G. Giridhar and Somasundar, Media Spokesperson Maheshraj Urs, Joint Spokesperson Cable Mahesh and others were present during the press meet.

City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa addressing a press meet at BJP Office in city yesterday as others look on.

'Mera Booth, Vaccination Yukt'

In response to BJP National President J.P. Nadda's call for 'Mera Booth, Vaccination Yukt,' vaccination programme will be held in four stages to inoculate all those aged above 45 years and in 18-44 years age group, preference will be given to vaccinate delivery boys, autorickshaw and cab drivers, house maids, newspaper vendors, LPG cylinder delivery boys and parents/ guardians of children below 12 years. Also, those who have taken the first dose of the vaccine, will be urged to take the second dose on time through both offline and online activities, said City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa.

Former Union Minister

M.V. Krishnappa's wife passes away

Kolar, June 24- Pramilamma (95), wife of former Union Minister late M.V. Krishnappa, passed away yesterday at her residence in Bengaluru.

Pramilamma

She had participated in various Freedom Movements and was also jailed along with her husband.

Her body was kept for public viewing at Guttenahalli, KGF taluk of Kolar district and the burial took place last evening near the her husband's tomb.

Youth allegedly stabbed over petty reason

Mysuru, June 24 (RK&KS)- A youth was allegedly stabbed over petty reasons at Kyathamaranahalli on Tuesday night. While the victim has been identified as Prasanna, son of Channappa of Kyathamaranahalli, the accused is Shivu, his (Prasanna) relative.

The incident took place near Chikkagaradi and Prasanna, who has sustained injuries, has been admitted to K.R. Hospital here.

It is learnt that wordy duel ensued between Shivu and Prasanna over family issues and Shivu in a fit of rage allegedly stabbed Prasanna and injured him.

Udayagiri Police, who rushed to the spot, shifted the injured to K.R. Hospital besides registering a case. Accused Shivu was arrested yesterday morning.

Chain snatched in city

Mysuru, June 24 (MK&KS)- Bike-borne miscreants have snatched a gold chain of a 45-year-old woman, who was standing in front of her house at Gayathripuram 2nd Stage last evening.

The woman, who lost her gold chain is Hemavathi. She was standing in front of her house when two miscreants on a bike yanked off her gold chain and sped away. A case has been registered at Nazarbad Police Station.

Calling citizens to join hands with MUDA to make Mysuru greener

Mysuru, June 24 (KS) - Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), which has decided to increase the green cover in city by planting over 20,000 saplings at parks and roadsides, has also decided to utilise the services of interested individuals and organisations in this regard.

H.V. Rajeev

In a press release, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev has stated that the MUDA is committed to increase the green cover in city and as of now, many individuals and nature lovers in association with MUDA are voluntarily taking care and maintaining mini forests in parks at various localities in city.

He has lauded one Mariyappa, who has planted saplings of various species at Vijayanagar 3rd Stage Park and maintaining them. Rajeev has thanked former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa for converting many parks into mini forests.

He has further stated that if Mysuru city has to be made a full-fledged Green City, the participation of nature lovers, interested individuals and organisations was necessary and added that there were plans to appoint 'Tree Warden' at every park coming under MUDA and urged interested persons and organisations to contact the MUDA Office in this regard.

He has further stated that interested individuals and organisations would be provided saplings by the Forest Department and necessary guidance on growing the saplings would be given.

Those interested may register their names by calling MUDA Assistant Horticulture Officer Dhanush on Mob: 97400-13259 or Environmental Engineer Mamatha Shreni on Mob: 97310-53082, the press release stated.

MUDA Member distributes breakfast, grocery kits to physically challenged

BJP leader and MUDA Member K. Madesh, on the occasion of his birthday, distributed breakfast and grocery kits to physically challenged persons in front of Rama Mandira at Gokulam this morning. More than 280 physically challenged persons residing in Chamaraja Constituency were identified to provide breakfast and grocery kits to them. Rama Mandira President Manjunath, Gangadhar, Anil, Raju and others were present during the occasion.

Obituary

C.R. Sugunanandam

Mysuru, June 24- C.R. Sugunanandam (85), retd. Assistant Teacher of D. Banumaiah's High School and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

Wife of late Lakshminarayan, who was a retired Economics Professor of D. Banumaiah's College, Sugunanandam leaves behind son Jyothindra, retired Joint Registrar of Co-operative Department, daughter-in-law Radhika, two daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Nagaraju

Kollegal: Nagaraju (45), a journalist, passed away on Wednesday in the town.

He leaves behind his parents, wife, two children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held in the town.

Subbegowda

Nanjangud: Alaganjipura Subbegowda, Taluk Convenor of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene, passed away following a heart attack.

He leaves behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held in the town.

Somashekar

Hunsur: Somashekar (55), senior member of Snehajeevi Balaga and a resident of Kalkunike Ranganath Layout here, passed away following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, two children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the family's farm land.

Kiran Kumar

Kiran Kumar (27), son of retired Shiresthedar Venkataswamy and a resident of Thodalu village in the taluk, passed away yesterday afternoon at the village. He leaves behind his wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the family's farm land last evening.

H.B. Nagalambika

Somwarpet (Kodagu): H.B. Nagalambika (69), wife of S.N. Basavaraj and a resident of Nagarur in Somwarpet taluk, passed away yesterday morning following brief illness. She leaves behind two sons including Vishwas, a newspaper dealer, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Somwarpet.

WORD OF THE DAY

Miasma

Pronunciation: mye-AZ-muh.
Meaning: A vaporous exhalation formerly believed to cause disease; also : a heavy vaporous emanation or atmosphere; an influence or atmosphere that tends to deplete or corrupt; also: an atmosphere that obscures : fog.
Origin: In notes taken during a voyage to South America on the HMS Beagle in the 1830s, Charles Darwin described an illness that he believed was caused by "miasma" emanating from stagnant pools of water. For him, miasma had the same meaning that it did when it first appeared in English in the 1600s: an emanation of a vaporous disease-causing substance. (Miasma comes from Greek miainein, meaning "to pollute.") But while Darwin was at sea, broader applications of miasma were starting to spread. Nowadays, we know germs are the source of infection, so we're more likely to use the newer, more figurative sense of miasma, which refers to something destructive or demoralising that surrounds or permeates.
Example: "A number of giant companies like Microsoft and Google have tried to streamline the consumer health experience, while many others have been part of digitizing the back end, but it's still a miasma of confusion. The pandemic only underscored the poor state of the country's health services." — Kara Swisher, The New York Times, 20 Apr. 2021.

THE ODD WORD

Macrotous

Big-eared.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Make a pig's ear of

Meaning: As 'pig's ear' - Cockney rhyming slang for beer. As 'in a pig's ear' - an expression of disbelief. As 'make a pig's ear of ' - make a mess or muddle.
Origin: The Cockney rhyming slang version of 'pig's ear' is easiest to explain. It's one of the earliest examples of the form and appears in D. W. Barrett's Life & Work among Navvies, 1880: "Now, Jack, I'm goin' to get a tiddley wink of pig's ear." That's easy to decipher as "I'm going to get a drink of beer", although you would need a Cockney for an explanation of why 'tiddley wink of pig's ear' was thought to be an improvement on 'drink of beer'. 'Pig's ear' rhymes with 'beer' and that's usually enough for rhyming slang. The version 'in a pig's ear' is also perplexing. It originated in USA in 1850s as a variant of 'in a pig's eye'. Both phrases were used as expressions of incredulous disbelief and have the same meaning as 'tell it to the marines'. 'Make a pig's ear' is a mid 20th century phrase and means 'completely botch something up; make a complete mess of it'. This is first found in print in a 1950 edition of the Reader's Digest:
"If you make a pig's ear of the first one, you can try the other one."

QUOTE BOX

Life would be tragic if it weren't funny. — **Stephen Hawking**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Man of the world.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Infrequently
6 Gracefully slim
10 Charles Lamb's pseudonym ?
11 Bond
12 Gerry Adams's party related to IRA (4,4)
14 Headgear
16 Giraffe's kin
17 Numerical prefix
19 Welsh boy's name
21 Equal Time Point
22 Ex-India left-arm spinner Raghuram ___
23 A major European river
25 The Continent?
27 Life's building block
28 Spoil or damage
29 Disease in plants
32 In ___ of : pro?
35 Charged particles
36 Feminine pronoun
38 English river
39 Udder or teat?
40 Items of Mexican food
42 Pygmalion, monogram
43 Person without equal
45 Suffix for enzymes
46 Linden tree - "tile" broken ?
47 The most uncommon
48 Remained

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

T	O	M	E		N	T	H		M	B	A	S
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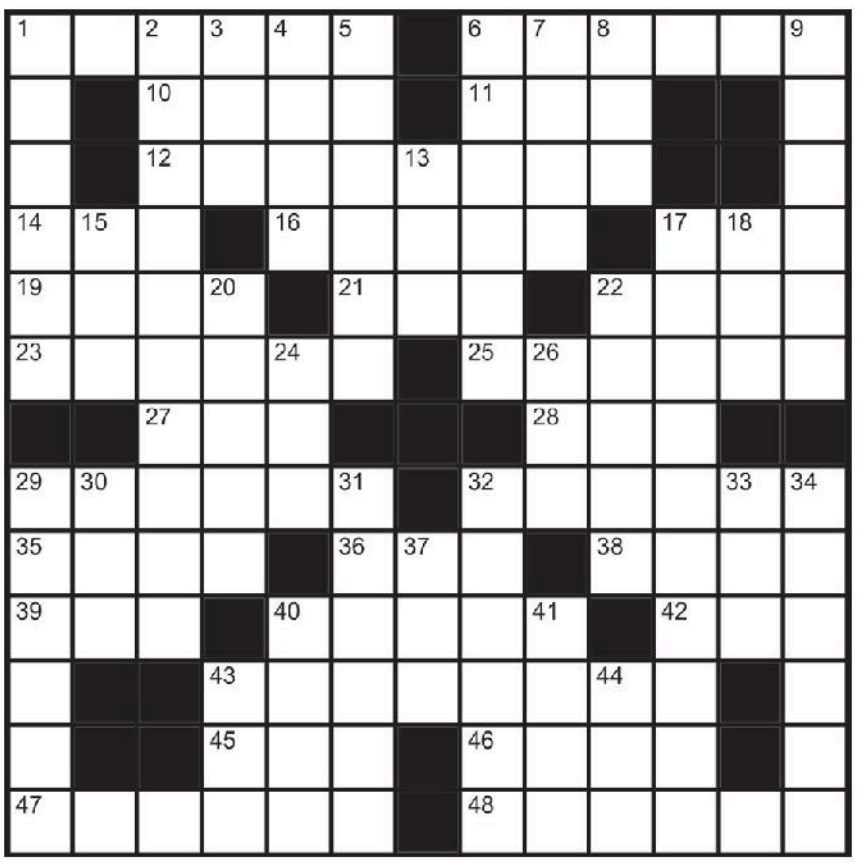
DOWN

1 Rank, fetid or stale
2 Answering
3 High priest of Shiloh
4 "Lion" anagram for a type of floor covering?
5 American colloquially speaking?
6 Russian plain?
7 Roman eight
8 Even, contracted by a poet ?
9 Internet search engine or arouse?
13 Live off the ___ of the land: live luxuriously?
15 Actress Gardner
17 Completely and carefully
18 The sound made by a door-knocker
20 Cross-pieces of ladder
22 Alpha, ____ , Charlie.... ABC of Morse Code?
24 Exclamation of contempt
26 Thurman of Kill Bill
29 Someone wanting to buy a lot at auction
30 Bud's movie partner
31 Island of Kent
32 Covers with sugar icing, in a way?
33 Computer port
34 Took it easy
37 Economic Community of Europe, in short?
40 Throw in the air
41 Fatty tissue
43 Dundee denial
44 Spy agcy.



SUDOKU

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		3	9		7	5		
3		1		7		4		9
	6		4	9	1		7	

Answer to previous puzzle

4	9	7	8	6	5	2	3	1
3	6	2	9	7	1	8	4	5
8	5	1	3	2	4	6	7	9
5	1	6	4	9	3	7	2	8
2	4	3	5	8	7	1	9	6
7	8	9	6	1	2	3	5	4
6	3	5	2	4	8	9	1	7
9	7	4	1	3	6	5	8	2
1	2	8	7	5	9	4	6	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DJ FPXG FJ KDMKG DNDU SU PZJM, JX MLK

KGEFXZJ DPK HXGJZOKI SU MLKFP XNG BDJJFXG.

TODAY'S CLUE: M EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You can shear a sheep many times but you can skin him only once.

Malabar re-domiciles to Dubai International Financial Centre

Joins Nasdaq Dubai's Private Market

Bengaluru, June 24- Malabar Investments, the international investment arm of Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the largest global jewellery retailer, announced that it has re-domiciled the company with the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) and the registration of its shares of international operations with Nasdaq Dubai's Central Securities Depository (CSD) in a significant step that strengthens Malabar's links with investors and provides the Company with a transparent, well-regulated, efficient and secured solution for its share-related corporate actions.

To celebrate this development, Malabar Group's Chairman M.P. Ahammed rang Nasdaq Dubai's market opening bell, in the presence of Essa Kazim, Governor of DIFC and Chairman of Dubai Financial Market (DFM); Dr. P.A. Ibrahim Haji, Co-Chairman of Malabar Group; Hamed Ali, CEO of Nasdaq Dubai and Deputy CEO of DFM, as well as other senior representatives from both sides.

The group's entry into the Nasdaq Dubai Private Market enables its 300+ shareholders from international operations to buy and sell shares with the approval of the Board of Directors through brokerage companies like Emirates ENBD Securities.

Transfers of ownership will take place securely in Nasdaq Dubai's Central Securities Depository (CSD), while trading will take place off-exchange as the Company remains privately held.

'Gold Hallmarking ensures quality and protects consumer rights'

Thrissur, June 24- Starting from June 16, 2021, the Government of India (GoI) has made mandatory Hallmarking for gold jewellery.

Welcoming the move, Joyalukkas has, in a press release, said this decision aims at protecting consumer rights and proves serving the customer with excellence is of paramount importance.

Customers buy gold as a form of savings or investments, and it should translate into profit, as everyone thinks of gold as a safe and secure investment option. This move will mark the beginning of a new era in the jewellery market. There is no doubt that with the enactment of the Hallmarking Act, the value of the Indian jewellery market has soared high in the global market. This legal provision ensures that only 916 Hallmarked gold jewellery with the BIS seal will be allowed to be sold. This will not only benefit the consumer but also ensures greater transparency in the market and eliminates frauds.

"From the very beginning, Joyalukkas has made quality its cornerstone and offered customers only Hallmarked Gold jewellery with a variety of designs and innovations that echoed the changing trends in the jewellery market. We also offer full protection for the jewellery they buy and never compromise on quality or purity. Every jewellery purchased at Joyalukkas bears the BIS 916 Hallmark stamp of authenticity." the press release added.

Under the new policy, customers will be able to purchase the jewellery with confidence and absolute certainty that they are assured of purity and quality. One of the benefits that await the customer through Hallmarking is that there will be no devaluation except for wear and tear when selling gold jewellery.

It is also a matter of pride that with the implementation of the Hallmarking Act, India will become one of the 100% pure gold markets in the world. Also, customers can easily find all the details of their gold jewellery digitally by entering the unique ID of their Hallmarked jewellery, said the release from Joyalukkas.

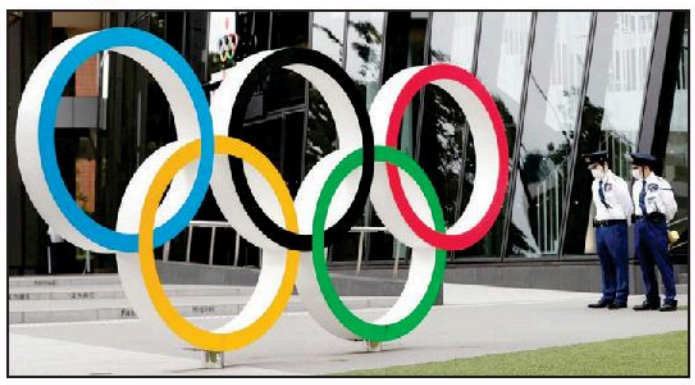
MMC&RI Dean felicitated

Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Dean and Director of MMC&RI, being felicitated by Retd. Senior Hospital Pharmacy Officer V. Suresh Babu and Office staff members recently. Others seen are Office Superintendents Rohit, Naveen and Shylaja; First Division Assistants (FDAs) Manjunath, Bhagyalakshmi, Yogesh, Mohan Kumari and Jayamani.

Tokyo Olympics (July 24-Aug. 8, 2021)

No Booze, No Autographs:

Organisers unveil fan rules



Tokyo, June 24- No alcohol, no hugs, no cheers and no autographs: Tokyo Olympic organisers unveiled tough new rules for spectators at the pandemic Games yesterday, as they marked one month until the opening ceremony.

Tokyo 2020 President Seiko Hashimoto warned festivities "will have to be suppressed" to keep the Games safe, and conceded that organisers will need to be "creative" to stoke a party atmosphere. Games Chiefs decided on Monday to allow up to 10,000 spectators into competition venues, but Hashimoto warned them not to expect the kind of festival mood currently being enjoyed by football fans at Euro 2020.

"In Europe, the venues are filled with celebration," she said. "Unfortunately, we may not be able to do the same."

Spectators will need to clear several antivirus requirements, including temperature checks and mask-wearing, just to get into venues — with no refunds available for those who can't.

Once inside, they are forbidden from cheering or "making direct contact with other spectators" and will be asked to go straight home after events end.

Asking athletes for autographs or "expressing verbal support" is also a no-no, as is waving a towel or "any form of cheering that could create a crowd".

"The festive mood will have to be suppressed — that has become a major challenge," Hashimoto told reporters.

"People can feel joy in their hearts, but they can't be loud and they have to avoid crowds," she added. "Those are the areas where we need to be creative, and we are putting in a lot of effort to come up with a new way of celebrating."

Spectators will also have to do without alcohol, even though it is allowed at other sporting events currently being held in Japan.

Hashimoto said the ban was decided "to alleviate the concerns of the public as much as possible."

Up to 10,000 fans allowed in all venues

Tokyo, June 24- Up to 10,000 fans will be allowed at Tokyo Olympic events, organisers said Monday, warning competition could move behind closed doors if infections surge.

The decision ends months of speculation about whether spectators will be allowed at the pandemic-postponed Games.

Overseas fans were banned in March. "In light of the government's restrictions on public events, the spectator limit for the Olympic Games will be set at 50 percent of venue capacity, up to a maximum of 10,000 people in all venues," organisers said in a statement.

A decision on spectators at the Paralympics will be delayed until July 16, a week before the Olympics open.

And officials left open the possibility of a reversal if the virus rebounds.

"If there should be major dramatic change in the infection situation, we may need to revisit this matter amongst ourselves and we may need to consider the option of having no spectators in the venues," Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike said.

Senior medical experts, including top advisors to the Government, have said that holding the Games behind closed doors would be "ideal" from a health perspective.

They fear crowds of fans could fuel a new surge in infections in a country still racing to vaccinate its residents. The decision was announced after five-way talks between Tokyo 2020 organisers and officials from Japan's Government, the Tokyo Government, the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee.

Declare Class 12 results
by July 31: SC to State Boards

New Delhi, June 24 (Agencies)- The Supreme Court (SC) today said "State Boards need to prepare an internal assessment scheme for Class 12 exams and declare the results on the basis of the assessment by July 31." The internal assessment needs to be formulated within 10 days, the Top Court added.

Earlier this month, the Supreme Court gave CBSE and CISCE Boards two weeks' time as well to frame alternative assessment criteria to evaluate the students. Just like the State Boards, the results of the main exams conducted by CBSE and CISCE will have to be declared by July 31.

Both the boards had presented the evaluation criteria last week which the Top Court approved and called "fair and reasonable."

"There is no reason to interfere with the CBSE and ICSE schemes," the Court said and also rejected a plea for cancelling the compartment exams for Class 12. An appeal by some parents and students, who sought an option of physical examination, was also rejected. So far, 21 States have cancelled and six have held Class 12 Board exams. The Top Court had earlier issued notice to States that were yet to cancel their Board exams.

KPSC examination next month

Mysuru, June 24 (SPN&SSV)- The Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) has announced dates for various examinations conducted by the Commission.

In a press release yesterday, KPSC Secretary G. Satyavathi has said the examinations will be held from **July 6 to 11 and July 13 and 14.** Candidates can download their hall tickets by logging on to *http://kpsc.kar.nic.in* after June 28. COVID-19 guidelines must be followed, she added.

It may be recalled that KPSC had proposed to hold the exams from Apr. 22 to 30, 2021, but was postponed due to COVID-19.

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